

TENNESSEE TECHNICAL GUIDE COMMITTEE

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One of NRCS's primary goals is to provide technical assistance to decision-makers for planning and implementation of a system of conservation practices and management that achieves a level of natural resources protection which prevents degradation and permits sustainable use. In cases where degradation has already occurred, the goal is to restore the resources to the degree practical to permit sustainable use. The field office technical guide (FOTG) is the primary technical reference for NRCS. The Tennessee Technical Guide Committee oversees the FOTG content, contributes to the quality of that information, and provides real world perspective. This committee is comprised of area and field staff employees who represent each area and discipline and serve three-year terms.

Area of Representation	Members	Term Expiration
State Technical Managers (State Discipline Leads – SDLs) (Rotating one-year terms) SSS, SRC, SCE	Vacant, State Soil Scientist (SSS) Linda Ortiz, State Resource Conservationist (SRC) Paul Schumacher, Acting State Conservation Engineer (SCE)	Permanent
Programs	Garrett Morris, ASTC-Program Planning Staff	July 1, 2027
Area Resource Conservationists	Melanie Murby, Area 1 David (Jake) Watson, Area 3	July 1, 2028 July 1, 2026
Area Resource Biologist	Andrew Quintana, Area 2	July 1, 2025
Area Engineer	Stacey Bryant, Area 4	July 1, 2026
Area Resource Soil Scientist	Anthony Khiel, Area 4	July 1, 2026
Field Office Staffs (1 DC/Area, 1 DC At-Large, and 1 SC/SCT)	Ethan Pipkin DC, Area 1 Kevin Edge, DC, Area 2 Cameron Delligatti, DC, Area 3 Kinsley Waggoner, DC, Area 4 Rhea Taylor, SC, Area 1	July 1, 2025 July 1, 2026 July 1, 2025 July 1, 2027 July 1, 2026
Assistant State Conservationist – Field Operations (ASTC-FO)	Arthur Hawkins, III, Area 3	July 1, 2025
Ecological Sciences and Engineering Staffs (State Technical Leads – STLs)	Adam Daugherty, State Soil Health Specialist Andy Hartman, Geologist Jason McAfee, Resource Conservationist Garrett McFall, State Forester Kelly Gupton, Ag Engineer Leslie Honicker, State Agronomist Nathan Hicklin, State Water Quality Specialist Jamie Quarfeld, State Urban Conservationist Paul Schumacher, Design Engineer Robin Mayberry, State Biologist Shelby Pearson, Civil/Ag Engineer Terry Horne, Environmental Engineer	Permanent
FOTG Administrators	Frank Barbour, Civil Engineering Technician Danny Jones, Resource Conservationist	Permanent

NOTE: Additional science and technology and engineering staff members will contribute as needed.